# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Division of Intramural Research Board of Scientific Counselors National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal
Year
2018
3b. GSA

3. Committee or Subcommittee Committee

No.

Division of Intramural Research Board of Scientific Counselors

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current
Year?
Charter
No
07/01/1986
6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term
Date
Date

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term FiscalYear? Authority Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Req to
 FiscalYear
 Continue
 Terminate?
 Not Applicable
 Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment 13. Effective 14. Committee 14c.

Authority Date Type Presidential?

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16) 11/20/1985 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee16a. Total Number of No Reports for thisReports FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 2 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

 Purpose
 Start
 End

 Review of Intramural Laboratory
 12/11/2017
 - 12/13/2017

 Review of Intramural Laboratory
 06/11/2018
 - 06/13/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2** 

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$11,600.00	\$11,600.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$187,916.00	\$191,487.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$16,400.00	\$16,400.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$26,398.00	\$26,537.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$20,006.00	\$20,257.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$38,881.00	\$39,581.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$3,648.00	\$3,685.00
18d. Total	\$304,849.00	\$309,547.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.00	1.00

#### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists and necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and technical experts. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. Besides the formal meetings for peer review of each laboratory, the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development. The actions of the laboratories reviewed are in keeping with the recommendations of the Board. The Board provides the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council with a review and description of its activities. During FY 2018 the Board made 7 recommendations concerning individual labs and tenure track investigators.

#### 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of eleven members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of microbiology, immunology, and clinical research in vaccines, allergy and infectious diseases. The advisory role of the board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

#### 20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met two times during this reporting period. The Board holds approximately two formal meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is composed entirely of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

#### 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAID, were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

#### 21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. The DFO and Decision Maker are the same person, the Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIAID. The Board makes recommendations on Intramural lab and confidential personnel matters and the Institute Director has decided that federal staff involvement will be minimal.

#### **Designated Federal Officer**

Steven Holland Director, Division of Intramural Research

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
CASADEVALL, ARTURO	07/01/2012	2 12/27/2017	PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
EDWARDS, KATHRYN	07/01/2012	2 12/27/2017	PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
FLYNN, JOANNE	07/01/2016	06/30/2021	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ferguson, Polly	05/29/2018	3 06/30/2022	Professor; Director, Pediatric Rheumatology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GOLDBERG, DANIEL	11/16/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KASLOW, DAVID	11/16/2014	06/30/2018	S VICE PRESIDENT, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KUNKEL, STEVEN	07/01/2017	06/30/2020	ENDOWED PROFESSOR IN PATHOLOGY RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PAMER, ERIC	05/28/2015	06/30/2019	HEAD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PUCK, JENNIFER	11/16/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

RICE, CHARLES 12/14/2014 06/30/2019 MAURICE R AND CORRINE P. GREENBERG PROFESSOR IN VIROLOGY (SGE) Member

SAAG, MICHAEL 07/01/2014 06/30/2018 PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

TING, JENNY 10/01/2015 06/30/2019 WILLIAM RAND KENAN PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY (SGE) Member

Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

#### **Narrative Description**

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that the Director, NIH . . . shall assure that research at . . . the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program.

# What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee? Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	
Advance in scientific research	✓
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	
Other	
Outcome Comments NA	
What are the cost savings associated with this committee?	
	Checked if Applies
None	
Unable to Determine	✓

Under \$100,000	
\$100,000 - \$500,000	
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	
Over \$10,000,000	
Cost Savings Other	

## **Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

144

#### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

Recommendations were made concerning the laboratories that were reviewed.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Fully</u> implemented by the agency?

0%

#### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at http://report.nih.gov.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regainplement recommendations or advice offered?	rding actions taken to
Yes No Not Applicable	
Agency Feedback Comments	
The Institute provides the committee members with a report of a	actions taken due to
recommendations made by the committee.	
What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the	committee's advice or
recommendation?	Observation of the American
Decreenized Drierities	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities Reallocated resources	
Issued new regulation	
Proposed legislation	
Approved grants or other payments	
Other	✓
Action Comments	
The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommen	ndations made by the BSC
in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs inc	
and resources available. No changes were made to existing lab	oratory research priorities
or resources.	
Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for	grants?
No	
Grant Review Comments	
NA	
How is access provided to the information for the Committee	ee's documentation?
-	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	<b>Y</b>

Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	
Other	✓

# **Access Comments**

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